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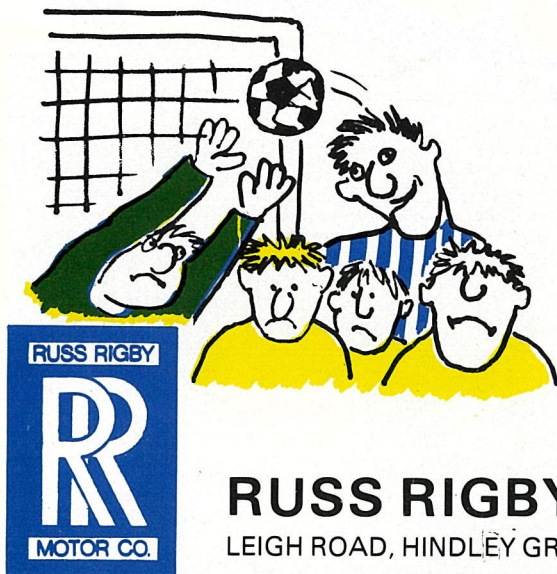
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MY POINT OF VIEW

GOOD AFTERNOON
ALL.

First a warm welcome to Tranmere Rovers, who are currently on a nice run, and have pushed themselves into the top

seven in the League. So it has been a good start for Bryan Hamilton who has taken over from ex-Wigan Athletic player Johnny King.

Last Weekend

Last weekend was very unrewarding as far as points were concerned, and although we are still not putting it together away from home, at least all the signs at Southend were very encouraging. I felt we were every bit as good as Southend on the night, and it was disappointing for them to get the winning goal in the third minute of injury time in the first half, when there had been hardly any stoppages at all. However, the goal itself was a bad one, where a couple of individual errors brought it about, and

certainly you can't afford mistakes when playing the table-toppers.

Peter Houghton

It was good to get Peter Houghton back into the fray, and he got through the game, but reported stiffness after the match, so it means further treatment and I am hopeful that he will be o.k. for today's match.

Competitive League

It looks as if this year's race for Division 3 is going to be the tightest in the three years we have been competing. At the present time all a side needs is about three or four wins on the trot and it puts them right into the firing line. I hope we can get two wins from our two home games and set us on the road to recovery.

Enjoy today's game.

Ian McNeill

Ian McNeill

Front page photo — Mike Quinn puts in a fierce aerial assault on the Peterborough United goal. Photograph by courtesy of The Wigan Observer.

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

CONTINUING our study of the characters drawn from the famous Latics' team immediately after the Second World War, brings us to right back Johnny Ball, surely the player who made the biggest name for himself after playing for Wigan Athletic.

An Upholland lad, Johnny Ball was signed by Wigan at the start of the 1947 season, when he left the armed services where he had played football regularly as an amateur. He slotted in perfectly at right full back and together, with his left full back partner, Harry Parkinson, formed a marvellous combination.

Johnny's greatest asset was his tremendous speed, not only off the mark, for he was also able to keep up a terrific pace over long distances. He was also good in the air and a crunching tackler — although he was never renowned for being a "hard

man".

He stayed at Wigan just over twelve months, but to those who watched him during his stay, it was obvious that Johnny Ball was destined for bigger things. Sure enough, in 1948, Manchester United offered Latics £2,000 for his services and £2,000 in 1948 was a heck of a lot of money, so it was no surprise when Wigan sold him. He never lost his affection for Wigan, his home town club, and was destined to return a few years later — after an illustrious Football League career.

Johnny stayed at Old Trafford for about twelve months before moving to Bolton Wanderers, another First Division club and one of the biggest names in football at that time. He enjoyed several excellent seasons at Burnden Park, many of those as club captain and the highlight of his career was to play in the legendary F.A. Cup Final of 1953 when Bolton Wanderers were beaten by Blackpool, and the magical Stanley Matthews at last gained his coveted winners' medal.

His First Division days over, Johnny Ball returned to Latics as team manager. This was one story that didn't really have a happy ending. Wigan Athletic were struggling at the time in the Cheshire County League, and, despite the efforts of their loyal servant, the team could not turn in the performances that the critical Wigan public expected of them, and, after a brief stay, Johnny decided to leave the scene.

A painter and decorator by trade, and looking for more long-term business opportunities, Johnny Ball decided to take up a new challenge outside of football. The decision was made to emigrate to Australia, which is now the home of the Ball family.

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by Fred Eyre

EVEN THOUGH we managed to beat Wrexham earlier in the season at Springfield Park, I still regarded them as the best team we have played. So we expected a hard game when we played the return fixture at the Racecourse Ground and we got what we expected.

The match was a "collector's item," if only for the sight of Tommy Gore playing in the reserves for the first time ever, so ending his run of 102 consecutive first team games since entering the Football League and also a long consecutive run in non-league prior to that.

Whatever his problems at the club at present he put them behind him and gave his usual 100% performance, and, with

current player of the year John Brown looking very sound in goal, we looked set for a convincing win when Brian Cunliffe gave us the lead with super shot with the outside of his right foot to swerve it into the corner of the net in off the far post.

We played some entertaining football and were unlucky not to get a second when a tremendous drive from Maurice Whittle nearly dislocated the cross-bar. Almost from the rebound Wrexham raided down the other end and were awarded a penalty and his namesake Graham beat John Brown from the spot, though the evergreen John managed to get a hand to the ball.

We were well-satisfied with a point, but, in fairness, feel that our display deserved two.

Team:-

1. John Brown, 2. Jeff Ainsworth, 3. Brian Freeman, 4. Tommy Gore, 5. George McAlister, 6. Dave Fretwell, 7. Steve Silcock, 8. Brian Cunliffe, 9. Jim Oliver, 10. Tony Quinn, 11. Maurice Whittle, 12. Willie Gray. Scorer Brian Cunliffe.

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WE HAVE now received delivery of the tickets for our "Christmas Cracker Draw 1980", which is being organised by the Wigan Athletic Development Association, with myself as promoter, to raise funds for the Springfield Park Community Sports Facility.

Although we already have a very valuable group of agents, I am looking to recruit from our regular following up to five hundred fans to lend a hand in selling the tickets on a one-off basis. If each fan recruited could sell one book of tickets, he or she would not only raise £4 for the Wigan Athletic Football Club, but would also earn himself or herself a £1 commission. Please give a little time to helping the cause.

Our lively couriers, Carol, Christine and Deirdre, have been instrumental in attracting donated prizes from local business people, and for the small investment of 10 pence a ticket, a purchaser can take a chance on winning a turkey, a chicken, a bottle of wine, or spirits, a box of chocolates, a gift voucher or another seasonal gift. With over £500 worth of donated prizes, and more than one hundred individual winners guaranteed, our draw ought to be the best of its kind on the local scene, so help to give our new Sports Facility a boost by signing up at the pools office today to sell some tickets. All tickets are issued on a sale and return understanding, and cannot be sold by, or sold to, a person

under sixteen years of age. The prizes donated, and the names of those donating the prizes, will be listed in our programme during the coming weeks.

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Springfield Park, Wigan. 22nd October, 1980.

Dear Readers,

It has been rather obvious from contributions to my recent postbag, that a national newspaper has stirred the memories of several supporters. Both this weeks winning contributions contain suggestions as to the best team which might have been selected from players appearing the Wigan Athletic colours since the end of the Second World War. Messrs. Halliwell and Melling will each receive a complimentary ticket for their pains, while, in the near future, it is my intention to run a competition based on the "idea". Look out for details.

Best wishes,

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

20, Conway Road, Hindley Green, Wigan. WN2 4PE. 8th October, 1980.

Dear Sir,

Referring to a national newspaper article on picking on all time club team since 1948, my best Latics all time team, no doubt will stir a few memories and arguments!!! 1. Dennis Reeves, 2. Derek Houghton, 3. Billy Sutherland, 4. Gordon Milne, 5. Alf Craig, 6. Ian Gillibrand, 7. Harry Penk, 8. Bert Llewellyn, 9. Harry Lyon, 10. Jim Fleming, 11. Graham Oates, Sub. Micky Worswick.

I'm afraid to say that none of the present team gets a look in, but if young Mick Quinn carries on knocking in the goals, I might change my side!!

Yours faithfully, S. J. Halliwell.

8, Abbey Dale, Shevington, Wigan. 18th October, 1980.

Dear Sir,

I have been a supporter of Wigan Athletic for twenty years and I have seen players come and go. After reading a national newspaper last week, I decided to search my memory and try to select a team which I would have liked to see play together for Wigan Athletic. The team in 4-3-3 formation, is as follows: Dennis Reeves, Ken Morris, Colin Methven, Doug Coutts, Jim Hinnigan, Gordon Milne, John King, Dave Roberts, Derek Temple, Harry Lyon, Jim Fleming.

I am confident that this team would have won the Fourth Division Championship.

William Melling.

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Mike Quinn goes full length to meet a low cross into the Peterborough penalty area.

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Peterborough goalkeeper Keith Waugh is at full stretch to deal with Colin Methven's tricky header.

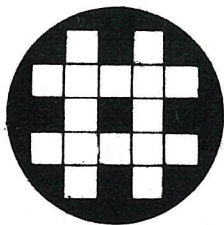
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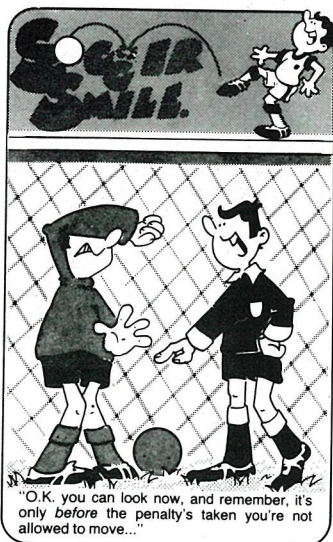


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ON THE BALL No. 10
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

One of the Todds; Lucky goal; Julien --- (Belgium); Bristol City boss in 1970, says



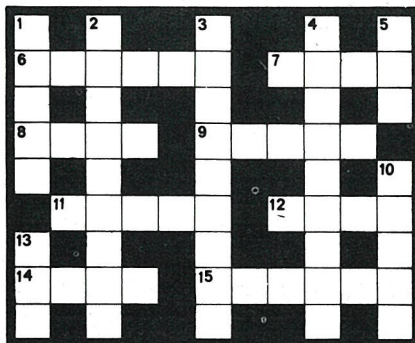
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CLUB CLUE No. 10
Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

Where the water is rather murky.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 10

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **DANE** and **RAKED** to find the names of two ex-England men.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 10 (compiled by David Peck)
ACROSS

1. See 5dn
7. Alex Stepney wrote a book called **In --- Keeping** (4)
8. They provide players with a bit of protection (4)
9. "The Law (i.e. Law IV) does not insist that boots or --- are worn (5)
11. Spectators who are in it usually do just the opposite! (5)
14. & 12. Sort of pass which, as well as distance, requires accuracy and well-judged pace (4,4)
15. The nickname of Doncaster (6)

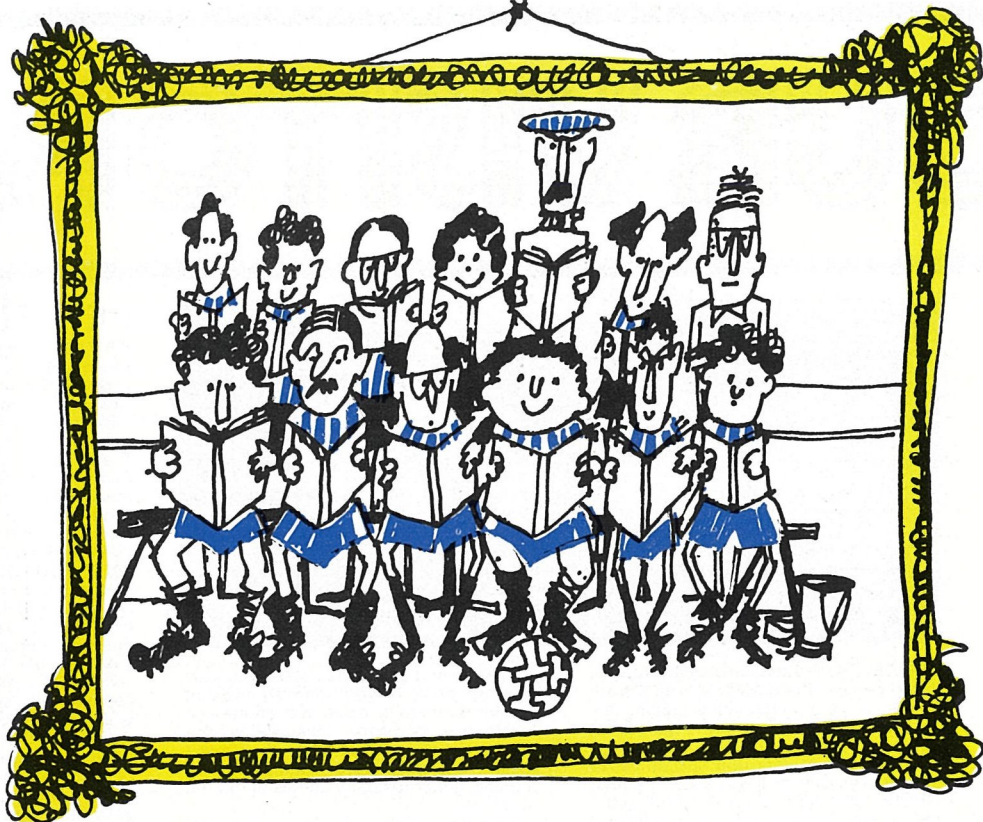
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1. The first African country to compete in World Cup finals (5)
2. Brighton's Ground (9)
3. Irish League side (9)
4. Temporary managerial role (9)
5. & 6ac. Winger who served Charlton and Leicester from the early 1960s to the mid 1970s (3,6)
10. --- season (5)
13. Peterborough striker who was the last man to score 50 League goals in a season (3)

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Answers on Page 22.





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OUR VISITORS



WHATEVER the outcome of today's game, if past games offer any guide at all, we are in for a very competitive game this afternoon. Several years ago, after forcing a draw at Prenton Park, non-league Wigan Athletic only succumbed to their Merseyside neighbours at the final whistle, with Alf Craig's shot finding the net a split second after the referee's whistle had signalled the end of the replayed game, depriving the club of further glory. As our first opponents in the Football League Cup competition, Tranmere Rovers became our first scalp as a Football League club in August, 1978, when, over two legs, we triumphed by the odd goal in five. Last season, as you will observe from the inset panel, we took three points out of four from the two league games, but, found it impossible to break down the "Rovers" rearguard in the game at Springfield Park. With Merseyside's tradition for fighting spirit, hard work and courage in its soccer teams, we can anticipate a lively struggle for supremacy.

Under new manager Bryan Hamilton, there are signs that Tranmere Rovers are beginning to mount a promotion

challenge and goals have started to flow from the boots of Ken Beamish and Jim Lumby as confidence within the team as a whole has increased. Like Wigan, the "Rovers" need to strengthen their away record, but it is worth noting that an hitherto generous defence has tightened up of late.

Welcome then to the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Tranmere Rovers Football Club. We look forward to a competitive game played in a good spirit, worthy of two proud Northern clubs.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS SEASON 1979-1980

10th Mar. 1980 Tranmere Rovers 1
Wigan Athletic 3
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 3,069
Scorers: Tranmere Rvrs:
Evans
Wigan Ath: Gore, Urquhart,
Houghton.
22nd Mar. 1980 Wigan Athletic 0
Tranmere Rovers 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 5,828
Scorers: —

TRANMERE ROVERS

PEN PICT

BRYAN HAMILTON (Manager) — After Ipswich Town, Everton, Swindon Town, Bryan Hamilton recently took over as Tranmere Rovers. In midfield, this very tall creates chances for a time to time, displays marksmanship which is idol of Portman Road.

DICK JOHNSON — in his eleventh season having joined Rovers in Liverpool. Stands tall and has been a regular since he was in his completed 300 League received a silver star wide organisation to

RAY MATHIAS — another Liverpoolian, his playing career a product of the same name gave England Roy M. Coppell. Ray who is captain in this 17th season has shown his versatility playing in half a throughout the years.

COACHING BADGE last **EDDIE FLOOD** — (F) his ninth season was arrived at Prenton Park F.C. as a protégé of Tranmere's Player Manager Eddie, who had several outings with the club leaving Anfield a disappointment. Another

tackler, his overlapping many an opposing defender last season by a leg close season operation.

LES PARRY — (Defender) local lad (he trails from joined Rovers straight after surmounting a rival threatened his career, he became one of consistent performers. movers on the Club's wife are keen on together they do an i work to help the handicapped in and a

CLIVE EVANS — (Heswall, he has class

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work. At 15 he was already marked down for Prenton Park. At 19 he was in the First Team and in the past three years he has attracted a lot of attention from First Division talent spotters. Seems certain to fulfil his ambition to play in the First Division.

JOHN BRAMHALL — (Centre Back) — at six feet three is probably the tallest lad in the Team. Hails from Warrington, but joined Rovers straight from school. Was a part timer until he completed his craft apprenticeship two years ago. After suggesting great potential in several positions, he broke through last season and by the Spring was the subject of inquiries from First and Second Division Teams.

STEVE PEPLow — (Winger) — is considered by Bill Shankly, who gave him his First Division chance with Liverpool, to be one of the best on his day, of that vanishing breed, the old fashioned winger who can take on a defender and beat him by skill and speed. After several years at Anfield, Steve was transferred to Swindon Town and later to Nottingham Forest from then he joined Rovers on a Fee. Next to soccer, horse racing is his great passion.

JOHN KERR — (Striker) — made his first team debut at 17, an indication that he is another local boy who has made good. Over six feet in height and powerfully built, he will be a player of consequence when he starts believing that. Spends his summers helping to make life brighter for the severely handicapped. But that's something he doesn't talk about.

STEVE MUNGALL — (Defender) — had the advantage of being born in Bellshill, which has produced more than it's share of soccer greats, including Alex James, Matt Busby (to say nothing of England cricket captain, Mike Denness). Joined Motherwell F.C. straight from school and had made a number of First Team appearances when Ally McLeod, the former Scotland Manager, took over the reins at Fir Park. To the astonishment of many good judges Ally gave Steve a free transfer and he was snapped up by Rovers.

ELFYN EDWARDS — (Defender) — can look forward, at 20 to finding his way into the Welsh International squad. Mike Englad, the new Welsh Team Manager, pencilled Elfyn's name into his book at the beginning of the season when he was starting to build a Wales under-21 squad.

Elfyn wore his country colours as a schoolboy and under-18 player. From Aberystwyth, looked to have a promising future with Wrexham, who, surprisingly, gave him a free transfer at the end of the 78/79 season. Arrived at Prenton Park on trial and played in every match right through to the end of the season. Raced to prominence by his performance against Kenny Dalglish in the League Cup.

JIM LUMBY — (Striker) — played for his home town team Grimsby Town, before moving to Carlisle United, with a stop off at Scunthorpe in between. He joined



Rovers last season on an exchange deal of £20,000 for Hugh McAuley. He had a sensational start by scoring a number of goals in pre-season and League matches, then lost the edge through injury. Now hitting the goal standard again.

JOHN WILLIAMS — (Central Defender) — matches John Bramhall in height and may well succeed Big John as Central Defender if Bramhall moves to pastures new. Born in Liverpool, he joined Tranmere in 1977, became a part timer in 1979 and full timer in 1980. A great future is predicted for this lad who like England's Dave Watson, has a flair for going up to head goals.

JOHN KELLY — (Striker) — is the son of a Republic of Ireland International, Noel Kelly, who was Tranmere's Player Manager 25 years ago. Born in Wirral, he was originally a rugby player, but was spotted by Johnny King playing soccer for Cammell Lairds. Was signed on the spot and may yet win Eire or English honours. He qualifies for both.

KEN BEAMISH — (Striker) — in his second spell with Rovers whom he joined straight from school. Ken was transferred to Brighton for £24,000 cost Blackburn Rovers much the same amount. Port Vale equalled that sum and Bury matched the Vale. Rejoined Rovers last Autumn for £10,000 and his goals helped them to escape re-election problems.

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PLAYER

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Place of Residence: Winnington,
Cheshire

Date of Birth: 13th Nov., 1952

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 11st. 12lbs.

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A VERY good afternoon to all our members, supporters and friends from "across the Mersey", — Tranmere. The committee and staff at the club offer you a warm welcome to Springfield Park; and to the facilities of our social club.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Michael Moss and his quiz team of Tom Bracken, Alan Swift, Roy Litherland and David Clarke, who won the challenge quiz game against Liverpool Supporters' Club, at Anfield on Friday night last; the score being 53-38 in Wigan's favour. I understand that the committee at Anfield gave our chaps a first-class reception, and we hope to return the compliment as soon as a return match can be arranged.

With your permission, I would bring to your attention the marvellous evening in the club that is being arranged by our colleagues of the Commercial Department. The date is Wednesday, 19th November (Bar extension has been applied for) — On stage will be that "King of Comedy" — Trevor Wallace supported by the top line duo of Austin and Young. I also understand that there will be a "disco", dancing, and a little bit of fund raising. A really first-class night's entertainment is assured — Tickets are priced at £2.50, and this includes a good buffet supper.

Later in the month, on Thursday, 27th November,

at 8.00 p.m., we are proud to present on stage — "A Night of Music" by the Wigan Metro Youth Stage and Brass Bands. Both these bands are due to leave for the U.S.A. early in the New Year on an organised tour. Their appearances on stage in and around Wigan, have brought first class reports from appreciative audiences. Tickets are 50 pence, from which we will be able to subscribe to the organised "Tour Fund".

Our weekend concerts in November all feature top-line artists, but more details later. Meanwhile tonight at 8.30 p.m., we present Rob Hunter and tomorrow, Barry Sinclair — Looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Peter Woods.

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CLUB NEWS**



THERE is no doubt about the Fourth Division team of the moment . . . that is league-leaders Southend United. Their 1-0 win over Wigan Athletic on Monday evening kept their one hundred per cent, eight home match unbeaten record intact. It seems that the Shrimps are almost invincible at home, for a peep back at last season's records shows that they also won their last three home games of the season despite being relegated. For the record, the last side to win at Roots Hall was Blackburn Rovers, the date 2nd February, 1980.

Southend's demise, last season, led to the club parting company with assistant manager John Lattimer, who announced this week that he intends to sue the club for wrongful dismissal. Lattimer is now the chief scout at Peterborough United. Northampton Town are undergoing a revival under former boss Bill Dodgin who recently returned to the County Ground. They have won their last four games including this week's 2-0 success over Aldershot.

After a run of seven successive league away

defeats, Port Vale finally won away from Vale Park. Goals from Mark Chamberlain (2) and Kenny Beech gave them victory at struggling Hereford United. Mansfield Town defender John McClelland certainly enjoyed the past week. He helped Northern Ireland to win their World Cup game against Sweden and then scored a rare goal for his club to give his side victory at Hartlepool United on Tuesday evening. One contender for the quickest goal to date in the Fourth Division is Port Vale's Russell Bromage who is alleged to have given his side the lead in their 5-1 victory over Tranmere Rovers inside 17 seconds.

A.F.C. Bournemouth recently swooped in the transfer market to snap up nineteen years old centre half Paul Compton from Southern League Trowbridge for a reputed £10,000.

Leading goalscorers in the Division at the moment are: Rob Cooke (Peterborough United) with 13, Steve Phillips (Northampton Town) and Jim Lumby (Tranmere Rovers) both 11, Derek Spence (Southend United) 10.



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SCENE & HEARD

FROM time to time we receive requests from correspondents for information about the Wigan Athletic Football Club. Recently we received a letter from Stephen Farr (Aged 19) of 248, Heronswood Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 3JQ, who, in addition to complimenting us on our programme, pointed out that he is striving to complete the "92 Club Circuit". Although he has yet to visit Springfield Park, Stephen would be grateful to hear from any male or female supporter wishing to correspond and exchange views of clubs and football in general. All replies, please, direct to Mr. Farr at the address given above.

We have received notification from the English Schools' Football Association, and the local Wigan Schools F.A., that, thanks to the generosity of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, a game between the North West of England Schoolboys and Midlands' Schoolboys will be staged at Springfield Park on Monday evening, 17th November, 1980. Kick off 7 p.m. This game is, in effect, an Area International Trial, and it is

anticipated that local Soccer lovers will be delighted to come along to the game to run the rule over the stars of the future. Please watch the local press columns for further details.

The recent game played against Doncaster Rovers was something of a special occasion with a difference for Director Jack Farrimond — it was the first home first team game in FORTY-ONE YEARS that our long-serving stalwart had failed to attend. We are pleased to report that, although still suffering from a heavy cold, Jack is out and about again and, apart from the results, thoroughly enjoyed his visits last weekend to Torquay United and Southend United.

As if travelling there and back to Torquay United in one day was not enough, Commercial Manager, Jack Sudworth managed to squeeze a visit to the Yeovil Town v Altrincham Alliance Premier League game into a twenty-hours day trip. Apart from witnessing two games, Jack also paid a brief visit to Bath City to take a peep at their ground en route, and came back home fully convinced that we have come a long way since our non-league days.

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A TRIBUTE TO BILL SHANKLY NIGHT

**Thursday, 20th November,
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The Chairman's Column

THE Chairman has invited me to write the article today in his personal column and it would be very remiss of me if I did not commence by welcoming to Springfield Park the Chairman, team, directors and officials of Tranmere Rovers.

I now intend to analyse the Wigan Athletic F.C. as far as possible with the amount of space available and I would wish to point out that what I am about to write is my own, personal and honest opinion.

1. The Chairman I have known and served under every "Laties" boss from Joe Howarth in the 1930's to Arthur Horrocks in the 1970's. I am now, in the 1980's, serving under Freddie Pye. Many years ago, I was the youngest member of the Board — full of confidence and enthusiastic for the future. I am now the oldest member of the Board and I find that working with younger and more energetic men tends to shake your confidence and enthusiasm a little. By asking me to write these notes, plus other duties he hands out from time to time, the Chairman has given me renewed strength. Freddie Pye is not a recently known acquaintance — I have known him for thirty years — first as a young player, then as a manager of Altrincham and recently as Chairman of Stockport County. He is an upright, outspoken, self-made man who calls a "spade" a "spade". He is completely dedicated to the game. I am sure he has all the necessary qualities and is thoroughly capable of becoming one of the Football League's successful and popular Chairmen. At his age he has also a wonderful opportunity of leading this great club into higher circles. I sincerely hope he does, and if I may add, whilst I am still here!!!

2. The Directors No Chairman has ever succeeded without a hard working Board of Directors and Freddie Pye has been lucky to have acquired such a body of men. Each and everyone is completely dedicated to the Club and the game. All have been brought up the hard way, and there is no harder way than trying to keep your head above water in non-league circles — our Chairman knows this to be true.

3. The Staff Obviously, the most important part of the set-up. They give us great pleasure when they win — unfortunately they can't win them all. I still fancy them for promotion this season. I hope they don't let me down.

5. Supporters' Club Peter Woods and his Committee have done a great job over the past two years. It is now a well-run, viable family club. Thank you, Peter and thanks to your Committee.

6. Hon. Medical Officers and Chaplain The three Doctors, Ahuja, Menon and Coffey and Denis Hall are always ready to offer their services when requested. We are all grateful they show such interest in the club.

7. The Spectators In five words "THE BEST IN THE LAND" we are grateful to them for the continual support since the formation of the club nearly fifty years ago — They have never forsaken us. What could be better?

8. Commercial Manager and Staff They are always on their toes trying to bring something extra into the club, particularly finance — Jack Sudworth doesn't like losing anything — he recently lamented that one week his "Letterbox" was empty.

All best wishes for the future,
Jack Farrimond,
Director.



John H. Farrimond

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Dave Fretwell	4	John Williams
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Neil Davids	6	Clive Evans
Lawrence Tierney	7	Steve Peplow
Jeff Wright	8	Steve Mungall
Bobby Hutchinson	9	Jim Lumby
Mike Quinn	10	Ken Beamish
Frank Corrigan	11	Bryan Hamilton
Peter Houghton	12	John Kerr

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(All White)

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Referee:

K. A. REDFERN

(Whitley Bay)

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Northern League 1972 and Football League in 1973.

Refereed the Northumberland Senior Cup Final in 1976, lined a European Cup match in 1978 and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1980. A former County Schoolboy and Under 18 Amateur with Newcastle United. His hobbies are cricket and athletics. A married man with three children and is a self-employed jeweller.

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